

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please rewrite the claims of this application so as to read as follows:**

1. Canceled, without prejudice.
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3. (Currently Amended) ~~The optical recording medium according to claim 2, An optical recording medium recorded with information on a substrate, comprising:~~  
    a first region having first information recorded at least in a depth direction of a plane direction and a depth direction of a said substrate; and  
    a second region having second information recorded in the plane direction of said substrate;  
    wherein said first information is recorded in said first region at least in said depth direction by at least a depth of a pit of the  
    presence/absence, the length, the width, the position and the depth  
    of the pit formed on said substrate, and said second information is  
    recorded in said second region in said plane direction by at least  
    one of the presence/absence, the length, the width, and the position  
    of a pit formed on said substrate; and  
    wherein said first region has said first information recorded in said depth direction by said pits having at least two different depths.

4. (Original) The optical recording medium according to claim 3, wherein a tangential push-pull signal differing in polarity according to the depth of a pit is obtained from said pits having at least two different depths when reproducing said first information from said first region.

5. (Original) The optical recording medium according to claim 3, wherein said two different depths of said pits are set so as to satisfy:

$$\lambda/8n < D1 < \lambda/4n \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda/4n < D2 < 3\lambda/8n$$

where D1 and D2 are the respective two different depths,  $\lambda$  is a wavelength of light used in reproducing the first information, and n is the refractive index of the substrate.

6. (Currently Amended) The optical recording medium according to claim 3, wherein said first information recorded in said first region includes additional information required for reproduction of said optical recording medium.

7. (Currently Amended) The optical recording medium according to claim 6, wherein said additional information includes information inhibited from being copied into another recording medium.

8. (Original) The optical recording medium according to claim 6, wherein said second information recorded in said second region includes main information.
9. (Original) The optical recording medium according to claim 8, wherein said additional information includes information required for reproduction of said main information.
10. (Original) The optical recording medium according to claim 9, wherein said additional information includes key information to cancel scrambling or encryption of said main information.
11. (Original) The optical recording medium according to claim 6, wherein said additional information includes information unique to said optical recording medium itself.
12. (Currently Amended) The optical recording medium according to claim 11, wherein said additional information includes information ~~to identify~~ identifying said optical recording medium.
13. (Currently Amended) The optical recording medium according to claim 3, wherein the presence of pits of different depths itself ~~is the~~ comprises information to ~~identify~~ identifying said optical medium.

14. (Withdrawn) A reproduction method of an optical recording medium recorded with information on a substrate, said optical recording medium including a first region having first information recorded at least in a depth direction of said substrate by pits of at least two different depths formed on said substrate, and a second region having second information recorded in a plane direction of said substrate by at least one of the presence/absence, the length, the width, and the position of a pit formed on said substrate, said reproduction method comprising the steps of:
- reproducing said first information in said first region based on a polarity of a tangential push-pull signal obtained from said pits, said polarity differing according to the depth of a pit, and
  - reproducing said second information in said second region based on a signal representing a quantity of reflected light obtained from said pit.

15. (Withdrawn) A reproduction method of an optical recording medium recorded with information on a substrate, said optical recording medium including a first region having first information recorded at least in a depth direction of said substrate by pits of at least two different depths formed on said substrate, and a second region having second information recorded in a plane direction of said substrate by at least one of the absence/presence, the length, the width, and the position of a pit formed on said substrate, said reproduction method comprising the steps of:
- reproducing said first information in said first region based on a signal representing a quantity of reflected light obtained from said pit and a polarity of a tangential push-pull signal obtained from said pits, said polarity differing according to the depth of a pit, and
  - reproducing said second information in said second region based on said signal representing the quantity of reflected light obtained from said pit.

16. (Withdrawn) A reproduction apparatus of an optical recording medium recorded with information on a substrate, said optical recording medium including a first region having first information recorded at least in a depth direction of said substrate by pits of at least two different depths formed on said substrate, and a second region having second information recorded in a plane direction of said substrate by at least one of the absence/presence, the length, the width, and the position of a pit formed on said substrate, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

a circuit reproducing said first information in said first region based on a polarity of a tangential push-pull signal obtained from said pits, said polarity differing according to the depth of a pit, and

a circuit reproducing said second information in said second region based on a signal representing the quantity of reflected light obtained from said pit.

17. (Withdrawn) A reproduction apparatus of an optical recording medium recorded with information on a substrate, said optical recording medium including a first region having first information recorded at least in a depth direction of said substrate by pits of at least two different depths formed on said substrate, and a second region having second information recorded in a plane direction of said substrate by at least one of the absence/presence, the length, the width, and the position of a pit formed on said substrate, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

a circuit reproducing said first information in said first region based on a signal representing a quantity of reflected light obtained from said pit, and a polarity of a tangential push-pull signal obtained from said pits, said polarity differing according to the depth of a pit, and

a circuit reproducing said second information in said second region based on said signal representing the quantity of reflected light obtained from said pit.

18. (Withdrawn) A recorded information identification method of an optical recording medium recorded with information on a substrate, said optical recording medium including a region in which the presence of pits having at least two different depths formed on said substrate indicates identification information that is unique to said optical recording medium, said identification method comprising the steps of:

detecting the polarity of a tangential push-pull signal obtained from said pits, said polarity differing according to the depth of a pit in said region, and  
identifying said unique identification information based on said detected polarity.

19. (Withdrawn) A recorded information identification apparatus of an optical recording medium recorded with information on a substrate, said optical recording medium including a region in which the presence of pits having at least two different depths formed on said substrate indicates identification information that is unique to said optical recording medium, said recognition apparatus comprising:

- a circuit detecting the polarity of a tangential push-pull signal obtained from said pits, said polarity differing according to the depth of a pit in said region, and
- a circuit identifying said unique identification information based on said detected polarity.

20 (Withdrawn) An optical recording medium that can have information recorded on a substrate, comprising:

- a first region having first information recorded at least in a depth direction of a plane direction and a depth direction of said substrate, and
- a second region that can have second information recorded in the plane direction of said substrate.

21. (Withdrawn) The optical recording medium according to claim 20, wherein said first information is recorded in said first region at least in said depth direction by at least a depth of a pit of the absence/presence, the length, the width, the position and the depth of the pit formed on said substrate and said second information is recorded in said second region in said plane direction by at least one of the presence/absence, the length, the width, and the position of a mark formed on said substrate.

22. (Withdrawn) The optical recording medium according to claim 21, wherein said first region has said first information recorded in a depth direction by said pits having at least two different depths.

23. (Withdrawn) The optical recording medium according to claim 22, wherein a tangential push-pull signal differing in polarity according to the depth of a pit is obtained from said pits having at least two different depths when reproducing said first information from said first region.

24. (Withdrawn) The optical recording medium according to claim 22, wherein said two different depths of said pits are set so as to satisfy:

$$\lambda/8n < D1 < \lambda/4n \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda/4n < D2 < 3\lambda/8n$$

where D1 and D2 are the respective two different depths,  $\lambda$  is a wavelength of light used in reproducing the first information, and n is the refractive index of the substrate.

25. (Withdrawn) The optical recording medium of claim 20, wherein said information recorded in said first region includes additional information required for reproduction of said optical recording medium.

26. (Withdrawn) The optical recording medium according to claim 25, wherein said additional information includes information inhibited of being copied into another recording medium.



27. (Withdrawn) The optical recording medium according to claim 25, wherein said second information that can be recorded in said second region included main information.
28. (Withdrawn) The optical recording medium according to claim 27, wherein the additional information includes information required for reproduction of said main information.
29. (Withdrawn) The optical recording medium according to claim 28 wherein said additional information includes key information to cancel scrambling or encryption of said main information.
30. (Withdrawn) The optical recording medium according to claim 25, wherein said additional information includes information unique to said optical recording medium itself.
31. (Withdrawn) The optical recording medium according to claim 30, wherein said additional information includes information to identify said optical recording medium.

32. (Withdrawn) A reproduction method of an optical recording medium recorded that can have information on a substrate, said optical recording medium including a first region having first information recorded at least in a depth direction of said substrate by pits of at least two different depths formed on said substrate, and a second region that can have second information recorded in a plane direction of said substrate by at least one of the presence/absence, the length, the width, and the position of a mark formed on said substrate, said reproduction method comprising the steps of:
- reproducing said first information in said first region based on a signal representing a quantity of reflected light obtained from said pit and a polarity of a tangential push-pull signal obtained from said pits, said polarity differing according to the depth of a pit, and
  - reproducing said second information in said second region based on said signal representing the quantity of reflected light obtained from said mark.

33. (Withdrawn) A reproduction method of an optical recording medium recorded that can have information on a substrate, said optical recording medium including a first region having first information recorded at least in a depth direction of said substrate by pits of at least two different depths formed on said substrate, and a second region that can have second information recorded in a plane direction of said substrate by at least one of the presence/absence, the length, the width, and the position of a mark formed on said substrate, said reproduction method comprising the steps of:

reproducing said first information in said first region based on a signal representing a quantity of reflected light obtained from said pit and a polarity of a tangential push-pull signal obtained from said pits, said polarity differing according to a depth of a pit, and reproducing said second information in said second region based on a signal representing the quantity of reflected light obtained from said mark.

34. (Withdrawn) A reproduction apparatus of an optical recording medium recorded that can have information on a substrate, said optical recording medium including a first region having first information recorded at least in a depth direction of said substrate by pits of at least two different depths formed on said substrate, and a second region that can have second information recorded in a plane direction of said substrate by at least one of the presence/absence, the length, the width, and the position of a mark formed on said substrate, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

a circuit reproducing said first information in said first region based on a signal representing a quantity of reflected light obtained from said pit and a polarity of a tangential push-pull signal obtained from said pits, said polarity differing according to the depth of a pit, and

a circuit reproducing said second information in said second region based on said signal representing the quantity of reflected light obtained from said mark.

35. (Withdrawn) A reproduction apparatus of an optical recording medium recorded that can have information on a substrate, said optical recording medium including a first region having first information recorded at least in a depth direction of said substrate by pits of at least two different depths formed on said substrate, and a second region that can have second information recorded in a plane direction of said substrate by at least one of the presence/absence, the length, the width, and the position of a mark formed on said substrate, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

a circuit reproducing said first information in said first region based on a signal representing a quantity of reflected light obtained from said pit and a polarity of a tangential push-pull signal obtained from said pits, said polarity differing according to a depth of a pit, and

a circuit reproducing said second information in said second region based on a signal representing the quantity of reflected light obtained from said mark.